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U.S. Small Business Administration Alaska District Office Names Lender of the Year for 2009

Anchorage – The U.S. Small Business Administration Alaska District Office presented its 2009 lender awards at the Alaska Lenders' Symposium held in Anchorage on November 19, 2009. **Wells Fargo Bank N.A.** was selected as the **Alaska SBA Lender of the Year** for 2009. This award recognizes the SBA lender that achieves the overall highest number of SBA loan approvals to businesses located in Alaska during the federal fiscal year. Any type of financial institution, located anywhere in the United States, may be considered for this award.

“These numbers demonstrate a tangible commitment to Alaska's small businesses,” said Joe Everhart, Wells Fargo Alaska Business Banking manager. “Every day, we're working together with our small business customers to help them overcome challenges and achieve financial success.”

With 37 loan approvals during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, totaling \$6,607,900, Wells Fargo Bank has made a significant impact on Alaska's small businesses.

“Wells Fargo Bank and our other SBA lending partners play vital roles in financing new Alaskan small businesses, and facilitating the expansion of existing businesses,” said Sam Dickey, Alaska SBA deputy district director. “We are proud to recognize Wells Fargo Bank for their success in using SBA's loan guaranty programs to provide our small business community with access to capital.”

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